The district will provide certain students with special healthcare needs an individual healthcare plan. This plan will meet the needs of the student for health monitoring and care during the school day or at school-sponsored events.

The parent/legal guardian will sign a statement acknowledging that the district will incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the development, coordination, or implementation of the IHP and that the parent/legal guardian will indemnify and hold harmless the district and its employees and agents against any claims arising from the development, coordination, or implementation of the IHP.

The IHP and any associated authorizations from the student’s parent/legal guardian and healthcare practitioner must be kept on file in the office of the school administrator or school nurse.

At the beginning of the school year, the district will send a notice developed by the South Carolina Department of Education to all parents/legal guardians that notifies them of available services and rights pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the IDEA, and medical homebound regulations. Any of these services for which a student is eligible will be provided in addition to and in conjunction with the IHP.

**Student Self-Administration of Medication**

In accordance with an individual healthcare plan, students may be authorized to self-monitor and self-administer medication as prescribed by the student’s healthcare provider with written authorization from the parent/legal guardian for the student to self-monitor or self-administer medication. A written statement from the student’s healthcare provider verifying that the student has a medical condition and has been instructed and demonstrates competency in self-monitoring or self-administration of medication will also be required.

Receipt of the above will authorize a student to possess and administer medication while in the classroom or on school grounds, at a school-sponsored activity, in transit to and from school or school-sponsored activities, or during before or after-school activities on school-operated property.

All students who will be self-administering medication should have an up-to-date individual healthcare plan (IHP) on file.

The district may revoke a student’s permission to self-monitor or self-administer medication if the student endangers himself/herself or others through misuse of the monitoring device or medication or if unsupervised self-monitoring or self-medicating would seriously jeopardize the safety of the student or others.
The parent/legal guardian will sign a statement acknowledging that the district will incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from taking or using medications or self-monitoring devices by the student and that the parent/legal guardian will indemnify and hold harmless the district and its employees and agents against any claims arising out of the self-monitoring or self-administration of medication by the student.

ADOPTED

Legal References:

A. Federal Law:
   1. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C.A. Section 1400, et seq.

B. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:
   1. Section 15-78-60 - Immunity from liability for districts and employees.
   2. Section 44-53-360 - Prescriptions.
   3. Sections 59-63-80 and 90 - Policy for individual healthcare plan for certain students.

C. Other Resources: